GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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MEETING OF NATIONAL ROAD SAFETY COUNCIL
GUNIPATI RAMAIAH

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a meeting of the National Road Safety Council under his chairmanship was held in June, 2001; and

(b) if so, the details and outcome thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD KHANDURI)

(a) & (b): Yes sir. The meeting of Sixth National Road Safety Council was held on 21st June 2001.Some of the main recommendations related to :

(i) Provision of refresher training to the drivers particularly those of heavy vehicles;

(ii) Establishment of branch of CIRT, Pune at Jammu;

(iii) Minimum educational qualifications for drivers;

(iv) Setting up of specialized driver training school;

(v) Road Safety Education to be a subject at school level;

(vi) Proper maintenance and fitness of vehicles;

(vii) Improvement in truck and bus body design;

(viii) Poor readability of number plates on vehicles

(ix) Stricter punishment for violation of motor Vehicles Rules;

(x) Use of fog lights to be mandated in bad weather;

(xi) Fixing a minimum experience of at least 3 to 4 years of driving a motor vehicle as well as an upper age-limit may be prescribed for issue of driving licenses for heavy vehicles;

(xii) Strict punishment for drunken driving;

(xiii) Problem of overloading;

(xiv) Use of interceptors to check traffic violations;

(xv) Computerization of driving licenses/RC /books/maintenance of proper and updated data base;

(xvi) Fitting of speed governors;

(xvii) Extension of central scheme for giving ambulances;

(xviii) Increase in budget for road safety; etc.